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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2005

This communication is responsive to a Final Office Action dated November 16, 2005 and is filed within two months of said Office Action. The Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 and the application be reconsidered in light of the following remarks.

A check in the amount of \$65.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.20(d) for the filing of a terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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